

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“”) being deleted:

1. (Original) A system for storing messages using multiple communication modalities, the system comprising:
 - (A) a standard telephone system;
 - (B) a standard legacy voicemail system;
 - (C) a digital voicemail store configured to receive digitized messages, the digital voicemail store further being configured to store digitized messages;
 - (D) a network access server (NAS) comprising:
 - (D1) an NAS analog voice port communicatively coupled to the standard telephone system, the NAS analog voice port being configured to receive analog voice signals from the standard telephone system;
 - (D2) an analog-to-digital (A/D) converter configured to digitize the analog voice signals; and
 - (D3) an NAS digital port configured to transmit the digitized signals; and
 - (E) a digital messaging server (DMS) comprising:
 - (E1) a DMS digital port communicatively coupled to the NAS digital port, the DMS digital port further being communicatively coupled to the digital voicemail store, the DMS digital port being configured to receive the

digitized signals from the NAS digital port, the DMS digital port further being configured to convey the digitized message to the digital voicemail store;

(E2) a digital-to-analog (D/A) converter configured to convert the digitized signal into an analog message; and

(E3) a DMS analog port communicatively coupled to the standard legacy voicemail system, the DMS analog voice port being configured to convey the analog message to the standard legacy voicemail system.

2. – 26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) A method for storing messages in a plurality of communications modalities, comprising:

receiving a message in a first protocol;

generating a temporary mailbox for storing messages of a second protocol;

correlating a non-varying address associated with a message recipient with an Internet address associated with the message recipient;

converting the message from the first protocol to the second protocol;

storing the digital message in the temporary mailbox;

sending the converted message to a storage component associated with the second protocol; and

destroying the temporary mailbox.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the message in a first protocol includes an analog voice signal.

29. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein converting the message from the first protocol to the second protocol includes converting the message into a digital format.

30. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein converting the message from the first protocol to the second protocol includes converting the message into an email format.

31. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein converting the message from the first protocol to the second protocol includes converting the message into an Instant Messaging format.

32. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein receiving a message in a first protocol includes receiving an analog voicemail message from a legacy voicemail server.

33. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein a storage component associated with the second protocol includes a digital voicemail server.

34. (New) A system for storing messages in a plurality of communications modalities, comprising:

a message receiving component configured to receive a message in a first protocol;

a mailbox generating component configured to generate a temporary mailbox for storing messages of a second protocol;

an address correlating component configured to correlate a non-varying address associated with a message recipient with an Internet address associated with the message recipient;

a message converting component configured to convert the message from the first protocol to the second protocol;

a message storing component configured to store the digital message in the temporary mailbox;

a message sending component configured to send the converted message to a storage component associated with the second protocol; and

a mailbox destroying component configured to destroy the temporary mailbox.

35. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein the message in a first protocol includes an analog voice signal.

36. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein converting the message from the first protocol to the second protocol includes converting the message into a digital format.

37. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein converting the message from the first protocol to the second protocol includes converting the message into an email format.

38. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein converting the message from the first protocol to the second protocol includes converting the message into an Instant Messaging format.

39. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein receiving a message in a first protocol includes receiving an analog voicemail message from a legacy voicemail server.

40. (New) The system of claim 34, further comprising a digital storage component for storing a digital message received from the mailbox component.

41. (New) A computer readable medium for storing messages in a plurality of communications modalities, comprising:

message receiving logic configured to receive a message in a first protocol;

mailbox generating logic configured to generate a temporary mailbox for storing messages of a second protocol;

address correlating logic configured to correlate a non-varying address associated with a message recipient with an Internet address associated with the message recipient;

message converting logic configured to convert the message from the first protocol to the second protocol;

message storing logic configured to store the digital message in the temporary mailbox;

message sending logic configured to send the converted message to a storage component associated with the second protocol; and

mailbox destroying logic configured to destroy the temporary mailbox.

42. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein the message in a first protocol includes an analog voice signal.

43. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein converting the message from the first protocol to the second protocol includes converting the message into a digital format.

44. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein converting the message from the first protocol to the second protocol includes converting the message into an email format.

45. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein converting the message from the first protocol to the second protocol includes converting the message into an Instant Messaging format.

46. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 41, wherein receiving a message in a first protocol includes receiving an analog voicemail message from a legacy voicemail server.

47. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 41, further comprising a digital storage component for storing a digital message received from the mailbox component.